

Application No. 10/763,477 SUBSTITUTED CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A pants/skirts closet rack, adapted to be installed horizontally into a closet receptacle, said

pants/skirts closet rack comprising, in combination,

- right and left attachments;
- front and back tubular elements;
- a pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type; and
- several hangers,

each of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type being located, almost entirely, in an interior part of said right and left attachments, said front and back tubular elements, respectively their ends, penetrating into, without passing through, said right and left attachments, said ends being secured to said right and left attachments and to one side of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type, another side of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type being adapted to be secured to spaced walls of said closet receptacle; said right attachment having

basically a C-shaped cross-section and

an interior provided with a longitudinal vertical wall extending along a whole length of said right attachment and having also

a pair of spaced circular apertures centrally located in an external wall of said right attachment and having a diameter commensurate with the external diameter of said front and back tubular elements, so that ends of said front and back tubular elements after traversing said external wall abut against said longitudinal vertical wall that is provided with attachment perforations corresponding to and coplanar with said pair of spaced circular apertures;

said left attachment having

an identical structure with said right attachment and being so positioned to constitute a mirror image of said right attachment; and

said front and back tubular elements incorporating in their interior

means for capturing threaded ends of fasteners, the latter being used for securing together

said one side of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type, said longitudinal vertical wall and, respectively, said front and back tubular elements.

2 (original). The pants/skirts closet rack defined in claim 1, wherein said means for capturing threaded ends

of fasteners, incorporated in each said front or back tubular element, comprising a pair of internal, diametrically opposed screw chases, intended to capture threaded ends of a predetermined diameter, said pair of internal, diametrically opposed screw chases, projecting from an internal surface of each said front and back tubular elements, extend along the whole length of the latter and each has, in cross-section, an annular discontinuous shape with an opening towards the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said front and back tubular elements.

3 (currently amended). A hanger adapted for use with a pants/skirts closet rack, said pants/skirts rack comprising

- right and left attachments;
- front and back tubular elements; and
- a pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type,

each of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type being located, almost entirely, in an interior part of said right and left attachments, said front and back tubular elements, respectively their ends, penetrating into, without passing through, said right and left attachments, said ends being secured to said right and left attachments and to one side of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type, another side of said pair of slides of ball bearing drawer type being adapted to be secured to spaced vertical walls of a receptacle;

said hanger including a crossbar adapted to extend beneath and forwardly beyond right and left attachments and having a front end bent vertically and upwardly and then backwardly for forming a segment parallel to said crossbar, said segment further extending upwardly for forming a first backwardly directed front hook, said crossbar having also a back end bent vertically and upwardly and then backwardly for forming a second backwardly directed back hook, said first and second backwardly directed front and back hooks being coplanar with said crossbar and having the same height with respect to said crossbar and their openings being commensurate with the external diameter of said front and back tubular elements.